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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on June 15, 2004 and March 23, 2004, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection that was mailed on May 16, 2006, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-379056, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-342292, together with an English language Abstract and a partial English language translation thereof.
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-191017, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,825,892 to BRAUDAWAY et al., which issued on October 20, 1998.

- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-342060, together with an English language Abstract and a partial English language translation thereof.
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-318771. Applicants note that this document was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on March 23, 2004.
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-298717, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, are set forth in the Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection.

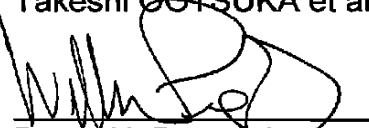
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the noted U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.


Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Since the above-noted document (4) was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement, a copy of document (4) is not provided herewith. Copies of documents (1)-(3) and (5), including the noted English language Abstracts and translations, are attached hereto, and all of the documents, are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, Applicants hereby certify that each new item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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